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Mr. Gordon's Withdrawal.

The withdrawal of Mr. James R. Gordon as a candidate for Mayor is a setback for the cause of good government of this city. It is much to be regretted that the good old rule which requires the office to seek the man and not the man the office should have become so obsolete from disuse as to be utterly forgotten by the average voter. Mr. Gordon, however, laid it to heart only too well for these perilous days. In this instance the rule would have been more honored in the breach than in the observance, and we regret for the sake of the city that Mr. Gordon did not have more desire for the office.

The reason assigned for the antagonism to Mr. Gordon, that the high political principles of his opponents would not allow them to support a man who had voted against Bryan in 1896, is too flimsy for serious consideration. There have been too many instances where that split in the Democratic party has, by common consent, been ignored. It is also a fact, established by many striking cases that where national politics are allowed to control the management of city affairs an abyss of corruption and rottenness is the ultimate result. It is not necessary to point to Tammany, which has been held up as the most notable instance, for Philadelphia and Pittsburg, under Republican rule, have, if possible, exceeded Tammany in their excesses and municipal corruption. Tammany has been chastened by affliction and is now a model of virtue, but it has the rod of the independent voter always shaking over its head. There has been no redemption for Philadelphia and the party cry there is the same we hear about Mr. Gordon. The faithful Republicans there insist that party regularity is preferable to honesty and ability; that it makes no difference how badly a city is managed provided it is done by a wing composed of professed party regularity.

This is, indeed, the confirmation of Dr. Johnson's statement that patriotism is the last resort of rascals.

We shall not believe that such a fate awaits the good city of Richmond. It is true, we have made a bad break, but we may yet catch our stride, and land a worthy man in the Mayor's chair.

It is utterly inconceivable that any sensible man could honestly believe that Mr. Gordon would not make an energetic, capable and creditable Mayor simply because he voted for William McKinley and sound money in 1896. The logic of events has justified Mr. Gordon's judgment of honesty and force, which are the characteristics most necessary in a Mayor, and yet the very proof of those qualities is taken as a ground for refusing to support him. This is party regularity run mad.

Home Training.

At a recent meeting of the Philadelphia Mother's Club the needs of the juvenile court were discussed. One of the speakers connected with this court said that the small children were not the ones who gave trouble, but the larger boys of fourteen and fifteen years of age. "Often," said the speaker, "it is the parent who is delinquent and not the child. We accuse the children of running away from home when one would respect a dog for running away from such a place. We must have co-operation to show the parents that they are wrong and to make them support their children in a proper manner. The law is not stringent enough upon this point. The parents do not care for their children."

The home is the great training school for children, and the boy or girl who does not receive proper training there is very apt to go to the bad. Of course, the law cannot make parents give their children proper instruction, but it can compel a father to provide for his children, and that is what the Melbourne law proposes to do in Virginia. This act, which will be effective within ninety days from date, provides that any person who shall, without cause, desert or willfully neglect to provide for the support of his wife or minor children in destitute circumstances shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year.

The orphan asylums in and around Richmond are not properly named. They do not by any means confine themselves to the care of children who have no parents. It very often happens that inmates of these institutions are the children of destitute mothers, who have been deserted by a worthless father. We sincerely hope that the new law in Virginia will have the effect at least to check this shameful practice on the part of men. The man who deserts his wife and chil-

dren, leaving them to the cold charities of the world, is about as mean and contemptible as it is possible for human nature to be, and a fit subject for discipline by law.

Jamestown Island.

The Washington Post of Sunday contains an interesting article on historic Jamestown Island, in which emphasis is laid on the fact that the island is slowly but surely being washed away by the current of the river, and carried into the sea. This erosion goes on at the rate of six feet each year, and in time the whole island will disappear unless something is done to check the ravages of the water. Three hundred feet from the shore a solitary cypress tree stands in the river and there are men now living who can remember when that tree stood on the island at what then appeared a safe distance from the water's edge. The water is gradually cutting its way in and will soon divide the island into two parts if it is not checked.

Several years ago a sea wall was built to protect the island, and as far as it goes, the protection is perfect. But the wall should now be extended, and Senator Martin has asked that an appropriation for that purpose be made. We do not know what is the status of Senator Martin's measure, but we sincerely hope that the money will be forthcoming, and that the extension work will begin at the earliest possible moment. May we not count on the Post's aid?

It would be scarcely less than a disgrace to the nation for visitors to the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 to find that Jamestown Island had been destroyed by neglect.

Politics in Nebraska.

According to a special from Omaha, a "Democratic success league" has been organized in that city with the intention of defeating the 16-to-1 idea in the next Democratic national platform and to send an unopposed delegation to the national convention.

The league will have branches in every county in the State. As set forth in the call, the object of the meeting was to perfect a State organization.

"No Democrat will be refused admittance," states the call. "We don't propose to be caught napping by the Bryan or Hearst men."

It is further stated that the meeting, which was well attended by Democrats from many different counties, passed resolutions declaring for the elimination of the 16-to-1 plank in the next platform, declaring that silver was not an issue and favoring the sending of an unopposed delegation to the convention, with Mr. Bryan as delegate at large, and placing him on the committee on resolutions. The question of endorsing Mr. Bryan as delegate at large called forth much discussion and the statement, "We ought to kill Bryan at home," was made many times. The resolution, however, was passed.

This would indicate that there is some missionary work for Mr. Bryan to do.

The Battleship, Virginia.

The launching of a great battleship at Newport News is an interesting event under any circumstances. The launching of the battleship Virginia in Virginia waters is more than doubly interesting, and it is not strange that every Virginian should wish to witness the plunge and give the good ship a hurrah and a good wish as she glides into the water.

What is to be the fate of this ship? Is it her destiny to lie around in placid waters and never fire one of her guns at an enemy and rust out in "innocuous desuetude," or is she destined to fight many battles for her country and play an important part in the history of the world? Who knows but what there may be in time a war to the finish between the United States and some foreign power or powers which will "change the geography of the world." And who knows but what the Virginia's guns will decide the issue and give triumph to the Stars and Stripes?

Thus may the imagination clothe the ship in mystery and give her the additional charm of romantic interest. But whatever her fate, she will bear an honored name, if not, indeed, a name to conjure with, and at her christening to-day, besides her steel plates, she will be armored with the blessings of all her Virginia sponsors.

Worth Reading.

There were two interesting articles in the Sunday Times-Dispatch on the subject of land-grabbers' law, one from Mr. J. C. Parlier, of Southampton county, and the other from Eugene C. Massie, Esq., of Richmond. In the former the writer expresses wonder at the number of cases arising in Henrico county under the land-grabbers' act and ventures to doubt if those whose duty it was to collect the delinquent taxes in that county have done their work as fully as they might have done it.

Mr. Massie's letter is of the highest importance, as it shows that the land-grabbing system is not only applicable to State taxes, but, in his view, to city taxes also. We hope this matter may be looked into thoroughly by our city authorities. There is a great degree of unrest, and to some extent painful strain of mind prevailing among property owners on account of taxes and claims of which they know nothing.

Richmond ought to have some sort of tax title clearing house, call it what you will, where a property owner could go and find listed every claim of the city or State for taxes of everybody. The present system imposes upon a property owner a search too laborious for the average man to make without employing skilled help, and the result inevitably must be that gross injustice will be done in many cases.

Confusion in Terms.

"Conventions" and "conventions." "State conventions" and "national conventions" are words and phrases that are liable to become tangled in the abundant use of them these days. In one paragraph in this column in our last issue the probability of the State Committee being

called together in "June" was referred to. The State convention it should have been.

Chairman Elyson will call the State Committee together within a fortnight, we guess, to fix the time and place for the meeting of the State convention. The latter body probably will meet early in June, and will elect delegates to the St. Louis convention.

A Call to Arms.

We have received the following unique invitation:

"Nos. 10 and 11 Hicksacker Building, 'Ninth and Walnut Sts., 'Kansas City, Mo., April 1, 1904. 'Dear Sir—You are respectfully invited to be present at the meeting, April 11th, 1904, at 8 P. M., as per above, whose object is to elect permanent officers to the first 'Hon. Alton B. Parker Democratic National League, No. 1, of the 'United States,' formerly organized January 5, 1903.

"Thinking you in advance, I am, Very truly,

J. L. WOODS MERRILL."

This patriotic movement has our best wishes, and we should be glad to attend the initial meeting. Hence we are the more puzzled to know why Mr. Merrill felt called upon to "thank us in advance." Let us assure him that the obligation is ours.

The general conference of the Mormon church has given President Smith a vote of confidence, and upholds him for his stand at Washington, declaring that he intended to live with plural wives. There is no sort of doubt that the Mormon church is in favor of polygamy, and its members will practice it as far as the law allows.

A collection was taken up at Grace Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, on Sunday morning and the sum of \$500.00 raised. The money is to be used as an endowment fund. Such incidents do not sustain the wall of the pessimist that the world is growing worse.

The life of a battleship, that is to say its natural life, is said to be fifteen years. The Virginia, to be launched to-day, may prove a record breaker in this, as well as in some other respects.

We doubt if any violator in this community were permitted to "waste their sweetness on the desert air." They all seemed to be doing business Easter Sunday.

"Shall we disarm?" asks the Nebraska State Journal. In some States—Virginia, for instance—it is compulsory by law; in others—Nebraska, for instance—it isn't safe.

Come to think about it. Mormons rarely ever figure in divorce courts, and yet nobody has dared to suggest polygamy as a remedy for divorce.

The battleship Virginia will be christened with Virginia wine, and still the temperance folks are not satisfied.

It is unconstitutional to speak to a Richmond bride to-day about being launched into the sea of matrimony.

The Populists of Kansas have declared for free silver. Those of Nebraska are expected to follow in line.

If the peaches have escaped Jack Frost thus far, what a crop we will have this year!

The post-mortem on the Northern Securities case is a sort of continuous performance.

Utah ought to be called the marriage State.

With a Comment or Two.

Winter will confer a favor on all by immediately vacating the lap of springs—Baltimore Herald.

Especially the lovers of good Virginia peaches, and where is the man, woman or child who comes not under that leaf?

If Roosevelt is not elected there will certainly be a great deal of peaches in the Hampton Roads in 1907, on the occasion of the ten-centennial celebration, "the ships of all nations will be there in friendly rivalry." It is elected, we cannot look so far into the future and predict results. We may be at war with a dozen or more of the assembled fleets may be blockading—Columbia State.

That seems to come under the "hint to the wise" column.

In instructing its delegation to St. Louis for the next year, the South Dakota Democracy remembered that after they are convinced of their mistake they can easily get a divorce—Birmingham News.

Not so easy, perhaps, after the delegates leave their own bailiwick, out of which confines the nominating convention is to be held.

"Presently you will be claiming some of the Charles C. O'Connor's meanest poetry" is the insinuation of the Richmond Times-Dispatch fired at us. And we thought it was a friend—Montgomery Advertiser.

And so we are. We are simply trying to save you while daylight lasts.

A Methodist Rule.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch, in commenting upon our editorial in our last issue on the "Chatham Dispensary," says from the warning we gave to the Methodists not to sign the petition they must be a church law prohibiting such an action on the part of our members. We quote below from our book of church laws, the Discipline, the rule bearing upon this question, which needs no explanation on our part to show how our church stands on the question of the sale of liquor:

Paragraph 216—"Let all our preachers and members abstain from the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for such sale, from becoming bondsmen for any person as a condition for obtaining a license, and from renting property to be used for such sale. If any member shall violate this rule he shall be deemed guilty of immorality."

Each member, in assuming the vow of church membership, promises to be subject to the discipline of the church—by the help of God.—Danville Methodist.



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RICHMOND IS READY

Handsome New Eight-Story Fire-Proof Hotel Opens Its Doors for Patrons.

The doors of the handsome new Richmond Hotel at the southeast corner of Grace and Ninth Streets were wide open yesterday to the general public and to patrons. Its being the formal opening of the city's elegant hotel. The imposing eight-story structure was handsomely illuminated and was thrown open to the inspection of visitors, of whom hundreds called during the evening.

The entire clerical force was on hand and received the visitors and piloted them throughout the establishment, pointing out the comfortable and the comfort afforded by this elegant modern hotel. The lobby and corridors and the dining room on the first floor are richly furnished and were illuminated by large shaded arc lights. To these will be added long rows of incandescents, furnishing light to the entire building. The Ninth Street side from the corner are the writing room, the grill room the bar and the billiard and pool room. The lobby, in the rear of which is the office, faces Grace Street, and in the western portion of it is the cigar stand. In the extreme western side of the building is the dining room, commodious and beautiful and furnished in the handsomest style.

Above the office and facing Grace Street is the parlor, sumptuously furnished and elegant in all its appointments. The halls and rooms are all handsomely furnished, and each room has a private bath attached, and almost all the rooms are outside rooms, the exception being a few on the north side adjoining the old St. Charles.

Colonel A. W. Archer, chief clerk, was at the desk last night, and the day and night clerks, Messrs. George L. Leach and N. D. Dugan, were present to welcome guests and visitors and show them the establishment. The desk was banked high with flowers, adding much to the attractiveness of the scene. During all the earlier hours of the evening and until nearly midnight the first floor was thronged with ladies and gentlemen, and the dining room was almost constantly filled. Mrs. A. D. Atkinson, owner and proprietor, was receiving the congratulations of visitors.

The Richmond is as nearly fire-proof as such structures can be made, is built in the most substantial style. It has 150 guest chambers, all of them elegantly furnished and well lighted by windows. The hotel will be conducted on the European plan exclusively, and will be maintained in the very best style.

Personal and General.

Sara Bernhardt has signed a contract to make a tour of South America. Dr. Dows had \$100,000 placed to his credit in Waukegan, Ill., several days ago for the lease of an electric railway through Zion City.

A figure by a woman sculptor will occupy the place of honor in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, "Victory" by Miss Evelyn R. Longman, will crown the dome of Festival Hall.

M. Santos-Dumont, who has just arrived at Plymouth, England, says he cannot understand the stories that he has been told of the "Grippe" in Europe. He said: "I do not wish to be ungrateful, but the lady is not my sweetheart."

DEADLIEST FOE OF LABOR

Roosevelt So Declared by Member of Congress in Public Speech.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—In the House of Representatives to-day an attempt to secure consideration under suspension of the rules, of the bill appropriating \$475,000 for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, to be held in Portland, Ore., in 1905, failed, after the House had divided several times and the roll had been called twice.

Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, opposed the bill, saying he did not believe it to be the province of the government to spend the money of the tax-payers in this way.

Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, favored the bill. The military academy appropriation bill was taken up, and after Mr. Parker, in charge of the bill, had explained its features briefly, Mr. Goldfogle, of New York, spoke in behalf of the Jews of the United States, for whom he asked equal treatment and protection while traveling in Russia. Mr. Livermore, of California, made an attack on President Roosevelt, and Mr. Morell, of Pennsylvania, discussed the negro question. Consideration of the bill was not concluded when the House adjourned until to-morrow.

LABOR'S DEADLIEST FOE.

Speaking of the President's attitude on the "open shop," Mr. Livermore said that the President of this country who goes forth and seeks to place a barrier in the way of labor unions by encouraging non-union work is the deadliest common foe of labor. In a personal way, he said, he held the President in the highest esteem, but he said he regarded him to-day "as the man of all Americans, worse than Rockefeller, Carnegie and Morgan, as to labor unions."

Mr. Goldfogle declared that Russia continues her restrictive policy against the Jew, and continues to abuse and dishonor the American passport whenever presented at her gates by Jewish citizens. Whether these citizens be native born or naturalized, he said, the restriction equal for all. This he declared, was an affront to the United States.

A Significant Cartoon.

A striking cartoon, with a significant title, was published in the Times-Dispatch of recent date. The picture represents the Democratic presidential nomination moving train with a whirl of dust behind it, and headed towards Washington. Some distance behind the train and making a wide circle, is a figure labeled Hearst. To the figure are attached five big weights labeled with the names of the big newspapers. The question is asked: "Wonder what he would do with it if he caught it?"

It is not surprising that the cartoon should have been published. First, the train indicates that the Democratic party is too busy trying to get to the White House to stop and consider the possibility of nominating a man who would never be able to attain one of the greatest objects of the presidential election, which is to elect a man who would break the party. He would do with it if he caught it? The cartoon is a significant one. It is a picture of a man who would never be able to attain one of the greatest objects of the presidential election, which is to elect a man who would break the party. He would do with it if he caught it?

We cannot conceive of a more disastrous move than to make the Democratic party to nominate Hearst for President. It would mean an overwhelming defeat, a blow to the party which would never recover in twenty years. The Republicans would be delighted over it, and would go on plundering the people and on the verge of a new and insidious tariff for years to come. There is scarcely a shadow of a chance for Mr. Hearst, and thus wreck the party. He would do with it if he caught it?

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Acme Roller Butter, lb.....10c
Small California Hams, pound.....9c
2 pounds New Hominy and Grits for.....5c
6 lbs White A Sugar for.....25c
Small White Baking Soda.....9c
Hominy, pound.....10c
Best City Meal, per peck.....15c
or, bushel.....15c
Quart Mason Jar's Vanilla Syrup.....10c
Good Oregon Soap, per box.....15c
Canned Tomatoes, large cans.....10c
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Good Lard, pound.....10c
Quart Jar's Home-Made Sweet Pickles.....10c
Gibson's XXXX, Mt. Vernon, Oscar Pepper Old Brands Whiskey, bottle, 75c, 3-lb Jar's Home-Made Preserves.....15c
Blackberry or Cherry Wine, quart, 12c
Near State or Soda Crackers, lb., 4c
Salt Pork per pound.....10c
Blanchfield Hams, pound.....10c
Smoking and Scrub Brushes.....5c
8 back Green or Mixed Tea, pound.....25c
New Virginia Buckwheat, 7 lbs. for.....25c
Fines Bologna Sausage, pound.....7c
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WEDDING OF RARE BEAUTY DISPUTE OVER SULLY'S COTTON

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 4.—The six thousand bales of cotton pledged to the Corn Exchange Bank by Daniel J. Sully caused a dispute among the creditors of the Sully firm and to-day counsel for the petitioners, the receivers and for Mr. Sully appeared before Judge Holt, in the United States District Court, to argue the matter as to the disposition of the surplus. It was shown in the argument that the bank has sold all but 150 bales of the 6,000 bales and has \$2,000 in cash on hand. It was learned that after the order was signed, some days ago, for the sale of the cotton, the firm of S. F. W. Reynolds and Company, of Providence, notified the bank that it was the owner of the cotton. To-day it is the owner of the cotton, and either Sully or his wife, the majority stockholders, represent the Sully interests. It is probable that Sully, and possibly his wife, will be called as witness in the hearing, which may begin to-morrow.

Miss Kathro Burton Becomes Bride of Lieutenant George Mason Lee.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Miss Kathro Larrabee Burton, daughter of Inspector-General Burton, of the army, and Mrs. George H. Burton, was married at the Highlands Apartment House to-night to Lieutenant George Mason Lee, United States army, son of General and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, in the presence of a small family party.

The decoration of the ball room, where the ceremony took place, was spring-like, with many clusters of yellow jonquills, in compliment of the cavalry branch of the army, to which the bridegroom belongs.

The bridal procession entered the room at 6 o'clock, led by two brothers officers of the bridegroom, Lieutenant Evan Humphrey and Lieutenant Connolly, who were followed by Miss Anna Lee, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Pearl Sabin, of San Francisco. The bride, who wore a gown of white, with a long train, carried a bouquet of yellow lilies, and carried bouquets of jonquills tied with yellow ribbon. Mrs. Ruth Wells, wife of Lieutenant Wells, United States army, and a sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

The bride was escorted by her father, who, like the younger men of the bridal party, wore the full uniform of his rank. The wedding gown was entirely of lace, on a foundation of white satin, which was held up by a full train of orange blossoms. A shower bouquet of lilies of the valley completed the toilet, which was extremely becoming to its youthful wearer, a very handsome brunette.

Miss Virginia Lee, the younger sister of the bridegroom and Miss Helen Chaffee, daughter of General Chaffee, held the ribbons forming an aisle from the door of the ball-room to the improvised altar, where Rev. Thomas Smith, D. D., of St. Thomas Church, officiated. The bridegroom, with his best man, Lieutenant Lewis Brown, also of the Seventh Cavalry, joined the bride at the floral chancel. The wedding march was played by an orchestra in the musicians' gallery, which was composed of a mass of green and yellow blossoms.

Among the relatives witnessing the ceremony in addition to the bride's immediate family, were General and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, the parents of the bridegroom. The reception, which lasted from 10 to 11 P. M., was attended by the entire army contingent in Washington. Lieutenant and Mrs. Lee left to-night for Fort Riley, Kansas, where the former is now stationed.

The Prison Association.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—For the first time in the history of the Prison Association of Virginia, so far as I know, the members of the association have met to discuss the work of the president's report made to the State Legislature. This report has been read by me, and no doubt by others, who have been supplied with copies of it. I cannot understand, and since it is a matter of public interest, I ask for the information through the columns of your paper.

In April, 1902, the General Assembly appropriated \$5,000 for the Prison Association; and to January 1, 1904, \$1,876.52 of this amount had been expended. Why were not the needed improvements made? Why was the money not used? When was money drawn from the State treasury, and when were improvements commenced? Why the necessity of keeping three different bank accounts?

What was "lack of equipment" that made it necessary to close the carpenter shop? If there was sufficient means to equip the shop for instruction inloyd work, would it not be sufficient to equip carpenter shop? Is not instruction in carpentry more useful than inloyd work? The carpenter shop, that inloyd work in floriculture might be given the boys? If there has been no money in the past year, and next six months, why continue the services of a physician at \$100 per year, an increase of \$50 over the work the Prison Association is doing, and am anxious to see it continue to throw about boys and girls such influences as will lead them to become useful citizens.

Information along the lines suggested above will be appreciated by my investment in the Prison Association, as well as by the State.

A MEMBER.

Richmond, Va., April 4th.

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Wilmington Star says: "If the Democrats in New York can't get together and tender a man who will be compelled to nominate a statesman when we go to St. Louis."

The Winston-Salem Sentinel says: "If Judge Parker shall demonstrate as the qualities for President, he has four judges there will be no mistake in naming him for the standard-bearer of Democracy. Judge who is a manipulator of the law, a politician rather than a credit to the judiciary."

KI-KI THAT'S IT. ASK THE BARTENDER. KI-KI